

**May 3, 2026**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
*Youth & Confirmation Sunday*

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude** *Jesus Loves Me* arr. Kerr  
Fun Program Chimers

**Processional** *Praise* Elevation Worship

**Welcome**

**We Worship Together**

**\*Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 30)*  
You have turned our mourning into dancing;  
**You have taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy.**  
Our souls may praise you and not be silent:  
**O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever**

**\*Hymn** 157 *I Danced in the Morning* LORD OF THE DANCE

**Invitation to Confession**

Occasionally, God invites us into confession and repentance with a blinding light from the heavens. But often, God invites us into relationship over a humble cookfire. Let us illumine our lives using this prayer of confession

**Prayer of Confession**

**O Lord our God, we know that your throne is surrounded by the voices of many angels and that you are worshiped by the multitudes of the heavenly host, but we so often fail to join in their “amen.” We do not fall down and worship you as we know we should. We are distracted by our catch, by our high priests, by our mourning, and our doubts. Show yourself to us anew and give us the faith to cast our nets in other waters. Strengthen us to worship you alone as the one on the throne and the Lamb slaughtered for all, even when we are in the depths of the pit.**

**Assurance of Pardon** *(from Psalm 30)*

The Lord's anger is but for a moment. God's favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us now greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

**\*Holy Interruption** *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen, Amen.**

**Musical Skit (10 min.)** *Oh Me! Oh My! Oh Nehemiah!* Jay Rouse  
Fun Program Choir

**Cast**

Madelyn Tinsley—Finger cymbals	Ella Morgan—Narrator & soloist
Hank Parker—Narrator & soloist	Grayson Gilpin—Biblical Resident
Brylee Denham—Narrator	Charlotte Folger—Narrator
Katye Pelfry—Narrator	Madelyn Tinsley—Narrator & Tobiah
Layla Cole—Narrator	Payden Watts—Biblical Resident
Lydia Fenters—Nehemiah	Christopher Tucker—Narrator
Dylan Gilpin—King Artaxerxes	Juliette Carroll—Priest & soloist
Sara Gavin—Sanballat & soloist	Anna Gavin—School Girl (Kelsey)
Jem Morgan—Dad	Caroline Tinsley—Narrator
Julia Fenters—Narrator	Annie McDiarmid--#1 Distributor
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**Children's Message**

**We Receive God's Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 61:1-3

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading** John 21:1-19

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** “Senior Sermon” Penelope Angle

**Sermon** “Senior Sermon” Bayley Hydrick

**Sermon** “Senior Sermon” Sam Baker

**Sermon** “Senior Sermon” Jessie Baker

**Affirmation of Faith** *(The Apostles' Creed)*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\* Special Music:** *Simple Gifts* arr. Tucker  
Fun Program Ringers

**Announcements**

**Moment for Mission:** Mission Trip Offering

**Pastoral Prayers & Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as  
we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory** *How Great Thou Art* arr. McChesney/Roth  
Youth Bells

**\*Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here  
below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy  
Ghost. Amen.*

**We Go Out to Serve**

**\*Hymn** *192 Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining* SHINE

**\*Benediction** Penelope Angle, Jessie & Sam Baker, & Bayley Hydrick

**\*Postlude** *Young Vessels* Jennifer MacLean  
Campbell Harris, piano

**Please wait until the end of the Benediction Response before exiting.**

\*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk

Acolytes for today: Lydia Fenters and Sara Gavin

A big congratulations and thank you to those who have participated or helped out in this year's Youth Sunday. This includes: Penelope Angle, Jessie Baker, Lainey Baker, Sam Baker, Kane Driggers, Blair Driggers, Bayley Hydrick, Kaiden Miller, Sam Phillips, Cloie Tillman, Grace Tillman, Jackson Tucker, Warren Wetternek, Layla Tinsley, Connor Quick, Mari Burch, & Campbell Harris. This is a great group, and we love each and every one of you!

**The Church This Week (5/3/2026)**

Today 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Worship  
 Mon. 8:30 a.m. MMO  
 Tues. 12:00 p.m. AT Ease  
 6:00 p.m. CW Bible Study  
 Wed. 8:30 a.m. MMO  
 9:00 a.m. CW Bible Study  
 10:00 a.m. Circle Meeting  
 3:15 p.m. Fun Program  
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir  
 Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Worship

**Prayer List as of May 3, 2026**

Gerry Rogers  
 Benny Moore  
 For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses  
 B.J. Moore  
 Louise Carpenter  
 Shirley Brock  
 Edward Tinsley  
 Ruth Jackson  
 Nadia Harris  
 Lesley Jean Watson  
 Rebecca Harris Ott  
 Pam Cook (Alison Chapman's mother)  
 Wyatt Smith  
 Summer Cathey  
 Lynn Smith  
 Harold Watson  
 Susan Malloy

The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. For individuals with hearing aids, please activate your T-coil to utilize this feature. Spare headsets are also available.

If you would like to place flowers or a plant in the sanctuary for worship service, there is a sign-up sheet outside of the church office. You can also call, or email Cathy Chapman and she can sign you up for a date.

**VBS Registration**

VBS "Rainforest Falls" registration is now open online and closes June 1<sup>st</sup>.  
**Where:** Vacation Bible School (VBS) our church  
**What:** "Rainforest Falls" VBS  
**When:** June 9-11, 5-8 p.m.  
**Who:** Classes age 3-Adults; Nursery 1-2 years old.  
**Registration:** Register for the adult or children's class on our website: [cherawfpc.org](http://cherawfpc.org)

Volunteers and items are needed! The sign-up sheet for items or volunteer opportunities is posted outside Mrs. Weiz's office. Join us for this summer's Vacation Bible School and let's make this the best year yet!

**Nursery Volunteer Schedule for April – June**

May 3	Brittany Tillman
May 10	Steve Cook
May 17	Charlene Tillman
May 24	Jessie Baker
May 31	Laura Folger
June 7	Mary Jane Evans
June 14	Lainey Baker
June 21	Maggie Barton
June 28	Heather Tucker

**Session of First Presbyterian Church**

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Mary Anderson	Mike Chapman	John Folger
Andrew McLeod	Christie McLeod	Cam Beck
Kristen Miller	Tracie Phillips	Tammy Joyce
Richard Pierce	Harold Watson	Steve Cook

**Board of Decans of First Presbyterian Church**

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Marion Anderson	Buddy Brooks	Karen Tillman
Becky Childers		Debra Luke
Bron Long		

**The Church Staff**

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor  
 Mrs. Danielle Self, Office Administrator  
 Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton  
 Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper  
 Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery

Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE  
 Mrs. Gini Eddins, Director MMO



***Our Vision***

***Rooted by God's Grace,  
 Growing in the Spirit,  
 Reaching Out with Christ's Love!***

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